

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Complainant,

v.

CASCADE NATURAL GAS CO.,

Respondent.

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DOCKET UG-240008

**MICHAEL P. GORMAN  
ON BEHALF OF THE  
WASHINGTON STATE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
PUBLIC COUNSEL UNIT**

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**EXHIBIT MPG-19**

Betas

September 25, 2024

## Cascade Natural Gas Corporation

### Value Line Beta

<u>Line</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Beta</u>
1	Atmos Energy Corporation	0.85
2	NiSource Inc.	0.95
3	Northwest Natural Holding Company	0.85
4	ONE Gas, Inc.	0.85
5	Spire Inc.	0.85
6	<b>Average</b>	<b>0.87</b>

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Source:  
*The Value Line Investment Survey*,  
May 24, 2024.

## Cascade Natural Gas Corporation

### Value Line Historical Betas

Line	Company	Average	2Q24	1Q24	4Q23	3Q23	2Q23	1Q23	4Q22	3Q22	2Q22	1Q22	4Q21	3Q21	2Q21	1Q21	4Q20	3Q20	2Q20	1Q20
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)
1	Atmos Energy Corporation	0.76	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.55
2	NISource Inc.	0.76	0.95	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.85	0.90	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.55
3	Northwest Natural Holding Company	0.72	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.55
4	ONE Gas, Inc.	0.75	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.60
5	Spire Inc.	0.75	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.80	0.85	0.85	0.80	0.80	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	1.00	0.80	0.80	0.60
6	<b>Average</b>	0.75	0.87	0.86	0.86	0.84	0.82	0.84	0.82	0.81	0.81	0.82	0.83	0.83	0.83	0.82	0.85	0.81	0.81	0.57

Source: Value Line Software Analyzer

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### Value Line Historical Betas

Line	Company	4Q19 (1)	3Q19 (2)	2Q19 (3)	1Q19 (4)	4Q18 (5)	3Q18 (6)	2Q18 (7)	1Q18 (8)	4Q17 (9)	3Q17 (10)	2Q17 (11)	1Q17 (12)	4Q16 (13)	3Q16 (14)	2Q16 (15)	1Q16 (16)	4Q15 (17)	3Q15 (18)	2Q15 (19)	1Q15 (20)	4Q14 (21)	3Q14 (22)
1	Atmos Energy Corporation	0.60	0.60	0.65	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.75	0.75	0.80	0.80	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.80	0.80	
2	NiSource Inc.	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.50	0.55	0.60	0.60	0.60	NMF	0.65	NMF	NMF	NMF	NMF	NMF	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.80	
3	Northwest Natural Holding Company	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.65	0.60	0.65	0.70	0.65	0.70	0.70	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	
4	ONE Gas, Inc.	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	N/A											
5	Spire Inc.	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.70	0.65	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	
6	<b>Average</b>	0.61	0.61	0.62	0.62	0.60	0.62	0.68	0.66	0.68	0.70	0.68	0.68	0.68	0.70	0.70	0.72	0.72	0.75	0.78	0.78	0.76	0.75

Source: Value Line Software Analyzer



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Line	Company	Value Line Natural Gas Industry																	
		Historical Betas																	
Average	2Q24	1Q24	4Q23	3Q23	2Q23	1Q23	4Q22	3Q22	2Q22	1Q22	4Q21	3Q21	2Q21	1Q21	4Q20	3Q20	2Q20	1Q20	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	
<b>Natural Gas</b>																			
1	Atmos Energy Corporation	0.76	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.55
2	Chesapeake Utilities Corporation	0.72	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.75	0.80	0.80	0.75	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
3	New Jersey Resources Corporation	0.85	1.00	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.95	0.95	0.90	0.90	0.65	0.65
4	NiSource Inc.	0.76	0.95	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.85	0.90	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.55
5	Northwest Natural Gas Company	0.72	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.55
6	ONE Gas, Inc.	0.75	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.60
7	Southwest Gas Corporation	0.83	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.85	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.90	0.90	0.65
8	Spire Inc.	0.75	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.80	0.85	0.85	0.80	0.80	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.80	0.80	0.60
9	UGI Corporation	0.95	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.00	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.05	N/A	N/A	1.00	1.00	0.95	0.75
<b>10</b>	<b>Natural Gas Average</b>	<b>0.79</b>	<b>0.91</b>	<b>0.89</b>	<b>0.89</b>	<b>0.88</b>	<b>0.86</b>	<b>0.88</b>	<b>0.87</b>	<b>0.86</b>	<b>0.86</b>	<b>0.88</b>	<b>0.88</b>	<b>0.88</b>	<b>0.87</b>	<b>0.86</b>	<b>0.86</b>	<b>0.85</b>	<b>0.61</b>

Source: Value Line Software Analyzer

## Cascade Natural Gas Corporation

Line	Company	Value Line Water Industry																	
		Historical Betas																	
Average	2Q24	1Q24	4Q23	3Q23	2Q23	1Q23	4Q22	3Q22	2Q22	1Q22	4Q21	3Q21	2Q21	1Q21	4Q20	3Q20	2Q20	1Q20	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	
<b>Water</b>																			
1	American States Water Company	0.69	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.65	0.70	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65
2	American Water Works Company, Inc.	0.75	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85
3	California Water Service Group	0.72	0.75	0.75	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.65	0.65	0.70	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65
4	Essential Utilities, Inc.	0.81	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	N/A	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90
5	Middlesex Water Company	0.73	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.70	0.75	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70
6	SJW Group	0.75	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80
<b>7</b>	<b>Water Average</b>	<b>0.74</b>	<b>0.83</b>	<b>0.83</b>	<b>0.83</b>	<b>0.78</b>	<b>0.80</b>	<b>0.78</b>	<b>0.78</b>	<b>0.77</b>	<b>0.77</b>	<b>0.74</b>	<b>0.77</b>	<b>0.77</b>	<b>0.77</b>	<b>0.76</b>	<b>0.76</b>	<b>0.76</b>	<b>0.76</b>

Source: Value Line Software Analyzer



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		Value Line Natural Gas Industry Historical Betas																					
Line	Company	4Q19 (1)	3Q19 (2)	2Q19 (3)	1Q19 (4)	4Q18 (5)	3Q18 (6)	2Q18 (7)	1Q18 (8)	4Q17 (9)	3Q17 (10)	2Q17 (11)	1Q17 (12)	4Q16 (13)	3Q16 (14)	2Q16 (15)	1Q16 (16)	4Q15 (17)	3Q15 (18)	2Q15 (19)	1Q15 (20)	4Q14 (21)	
<b>Natural Gas</b>																							
1	Atmos Energy Corporation	0.60	0.60	0.65	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.75	0.75	0.80	0.80	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.80		
2	Chesapeake Utilities Corporation	N/A	N/A	0.65	0.70	0.65	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.65	0.60	0.60	0.65	0.65	0.65	NA	0.65		
3	New Jersey Resources Corporation	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.80	0.75	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.85	0.80	0.80	0.80		
4	NiSource Inc.	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.50	0.55	0.60	0.60	0.60	NMF	0.65	NMF	NMF	NMF	NMF	NMF	NMF	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	
5	Northwest Natural Gas Company	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.65	0.60	0.65	0.70	0.65	0.70	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	
6	ONE Gas, Inc.	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	N/A											
7	Southwest Gas Corporation	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.75	0.80	0.75	0.80	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.80	0.80	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	
8	Spiré Inc.	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.70	0.65	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	
9	UGI Corporation	N/A	N/A	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.85	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.90	0.95	0.85	
10	<b>Natural Gas Average</b>	0.64	0.64	0.66	0.67	0.65	0.68	0.73	0.71	0.73	0.74	0.73	0.74	0.74	0.74	0.74	0.74	0.76	0.76	0.79	0.79	0.81	0.78

Source: Value Line Software Analyzer

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		Value Line Water Industry Historical Betas																				
Line	Company	4Q19 (1)	3Q19 (2)	2019 (3)	1Q19 (4)	4Q18 (5)	3Q18 (6)	2018 (7)	1Q18 (8)	4Q17 (9)	3Q17 (10)	2017 (11)	1Q17 (12)	4Q16 (13)	3Q16 (14)	2016 (15)	1Q16 (16)	4Q15 (17)	3Q15 (18)	2015 (19)	1Q15 (20)	4Q14 (21)
<b>Water</b>																						
1	American States Water Company	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	
2	American Water Works Company, Inc.	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70
3	California Water Service Group	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.70
4	Essential Utilities, Inc.	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.70
5	Middlesex Water Company	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.70
6	SJW Group	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.85
7	<b>Water Average</b>	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.73

Source: Value Line Software Analyzer